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3 1. An apparatus comprising:

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5 a measurement device for generating measurement information;

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a display coupled with the measurement device for displaying the measurementinformation;

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a control panel having a plurality of keys each coupled with the measurement device for controlling a respective operation of the measurement device;

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a timer coupled with the control panel for sensing duration of key activation during which a user activates any of the keys of the control panel; and

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a controller coupled with the control panel and the timer for initiating the respective operation of the measurement device in response to each key activation, when the duration of key activation is less than a predetermined amount of time;

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wherein the controller is coupled with the display for displaying help screen information in context of the respective operation of the measurement device in response to each key activation, when the duration of key activation is greater than the predetermined amount of time.

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2. An apparatus as in claim 1 wherein the controller is adapted for causing the display to cease displaying the help screen information when the user deactivates the key.

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2	3. A method comprising the steps of :		
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4	generating measurement information using a measurement device;		
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6	displaying the measurement information using a display for coupled with the		
7	measurement device;		
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9	controlling a respective operation of the measurement device using a control panel		
10	having a plurality of keys each coupled with the measurement device;		
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12	sensing duration of key activation during which a user activates any of the keys of		
13	the control panel;		
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15	initiating the respective operation of the measurement device in response to each		
16	key activation, when the duration of key activation is less than a predetermined		
17	amount of time; and		
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19	displaying help screen information in context of the respective operation of the		
20	measurement device in response to each key activation, when the duration of key		
21	activation is greater than the predetermined amount of time.		
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23	4. A method as in claim 3 further comprising the step of ceasing display of the		
24	help screen information when the user deactivates the key.		
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26	5. An apparatus, comprising:		
27	a maggiroment device for receiving one or more input signals and concreting		
28 29	a measurement device for receiving one or more input signals and generating measurement information related to said input signals;		
4 3	measurement information related to said input signals,		

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1 a display coupled with the measurement device for displaying the measurement 2 information; 3

4 a control panel having a plurality of keys each coupled with the measurement device

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for controlling a respective operation of the measurement device; and

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a controller coupled with the control panel and including a timer function for sensing duration of key activation during which a user activates a key of the plurality of keys

of the control panel; 9

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wherein the controller initiates the respective operation of the measurement device in response to each key activation, when the duration of the key activation is less than a predetermined amount of time; and

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wherein the controller is coupled with the display for displaying help screen information in context of the respective operation of the measurement device in response to each key activation, when the duration of the key activation is greater than the predetermined amount of time.

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